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SUBJECT: W/W JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF: SS/PIRT AND PREVIOUS

1. CONOFF LASBURY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM DEBBIE INDRIERI (SISTER OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN) TODAY. MS. INDRIERI EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION OF ENTIRE FAMILY OVER ARTICLE BY STEVEN KINSER WHICH APPEARED RECENTLY IN BOSTON GLOBE. KINZER QUOTED LASBURY AS SAYING EMBASSY HAD FOLLOWED EVERY AVAILABLE CLUE AND REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT JOHN HAD MET AN ILL FATE AND WAS PROBABLY BURIED SOMEWHERE.

2. FYI-KINZER WAS RECENTLY PRESENT AT LUNCHEON EMBASSY DURING WHICH HE QUESTIONED CONNOFF REGARDING SULLIVAN CASE. HE STATED THAT CONGRESSMAN GARY STUDDS HAD BROUGHT THE CASE TO THE GLOBE'S ATTENTION., KINZER INDICATED THAT HIS PURPOSE WAS AN OFF-THE-RECORD ATTEMPT TO GATHER INFORMATION. AT NO TIME DID HE MENTION INTENTION TO QUOTE CONNOFF.

3. POST REGRETS KINZER'S UNAUTHORIZED QUOTE AND CONTINUE TO GIVE SULLIVAN CASE ITS FULL AND EARNEST ATTENTION. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT EMBASSY HAS PURSUED ALL LEADS WITHIN ITS CAPACITY AND NOW HAS NO ONGOING CLUES, POST BELIEVES THAT LAST OPTION IS FOR FAMILY TO ENGAGE A PRIVATE DETECTIVE WHO IS WILLING TO RISK HIS LIFE IN ORDER TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION TO THEIR FULL SATISFACTION.
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